

# WINTER BIRDS

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# CHECK LIST OF WINTER BIRDS OF THE CHICAGO REGION

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In considering a check list of birds found in winter the student should bear in mind that he is not likely to see even a third of the species named. The divers and ducks, for the most part, are found well offshore in Lake Michigan. Except for the introduced European partridge and pheasant, the native upland birds have become scarce in our region. The owls, being nocturnal, are of course not often seen during the day. The perching birds that are resident the year around or regularly visit us in winter make up the ordinary expectancy of winter observation.

All summer residents (i.e. species that breed in our area or have been known to do so), are marked with an asterisk (\*). We say of these birds that they remain in the winter. Birds that do not breed in this area occur or visit us in the winter.

Ninety birds are included in the following list.

The symbols after the species names indicate the following:

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| a. uncommon in all seasons        | h. regularly remains in winter                                   |
| b. fairly common in all seasons   | i. rare winter visitant  |
| c. common in all seasons          | j. occasional winter visitant                                    |
| d. abundant in all seasons        | k. regular winter visitant                                       |
| e. rarely remains in winter       | l. occurs more or less regularly on<br>Lake Michigan             |
| f. occasionally remains in winter | m. may occur in some abundance<br>at intervals of several years. |
| g. some remain in winter          |  |

## DIVERS

\*Common Loon e  
Red-throated Loon 1  
Horned Grebe 1

## GULLS

Herring Gull c  
Ring-billed Gull b  
Bonaparte's Gull b

## DUCKS AND GEESE

Canada Goose k  
\*Mallard g  
Greater Scaup 1  
Lesser Scaup 1  
American Goldeneye 1  
Bufflehead i  
Old Squaw 1  
King Eider 1  
White-winged Scoter 1  
Hooded Merganser i  
American Merganser 1  
Red-breasted Merganser 1

## HAWKS AND EAGLES

Eastern Goshawk j  
Sharp-shinned Hawk j  
\*Cooper's Hawk f  
\*Red-tailed Hawk g  
\*Red-shouldered Hawk g  
Rough-legged Hawk k  
\*Bald Eagle j  
\*Marsh Hawk g  
\*Sparrow Hawk g

## GALLINACEOUS BIRDS

\*Ruffed Grouse a  
\*Greater Prairie Chicken a  
\*European Partridge a  
\*Bob-white a  
\*Ring-necked Pheasant c

## RAILS

\*American Coot f

## SHORE BIRDS

\*Killdeer f

## DOVES

\*Rock Dove d  
\*Mourning Dove f

## OWLS

\*Barn Owl a  
\*Screech Owl c  
\*Great Horned Owl b  
Snowy Owl m  
\*Barred Owl b  
\*Long-eared Owl b  
\*Short-eared Owl b

## KINGFISHERS AND WOODPECKERS

\*Belted Kingfisher f  
\*Flicker f  
\*Red-bellied Woodpecker f  
\*Red-headed Woodpecker f  
\*Yellow-bellied Sapsucker f  
\*Hairy Woodpecker h  
\*Downy Woodpecker h  
Arctic Three-toed Woodpecker i

## PERCHING BIRDS

Northern Horned Lark j  
\*Prairie Horned Lark h  
\*Blue Jay h  
\*Crow h  
\*Black-capped Chickadee h  
\*Tufted Titmouse h  
\*White-breasted Nuthatch h  
Red-breasted Nuthatch j  
Brown Creeper j  
Winter Wren j  
\*Brown Thrasher e  
\*Robin g  
\*Bluebird e  
Golden-crowned Kinglet j  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet i  
Bohemian Waxwing i  
\*Cedar Waxwing g  
Northern Shrike k  
\*Starling d  
Myrtle Warbler j  
\*English Sparrow d  
\*Meadowlark g  
\*Cowbird e  
\*Cardinal h  
Evening Grosbeak j  
Purple Finch j  
Canadian Pine Grosbeak i

**Tree Sparrow k**  
**White-throated Sparrow i**  
**Fox Sparrow i**  
**\*Song Sparrow**  
**Lapland Longspur k**  
**Snow Bunting k**

**Common Redpoll k**  
**Pine Siskin k**  
**\*Goldfinch g**  
**Red Crossbill j**  
**White-winged Crossbill j**  
**Slate-colored Junco k**

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NOTE: A few species - Loon and Bald Eagle, for example - which formerly nested within our limits, but are not known to do so now, are present occasionally in winter. These, like the birds which have never bred here, so far as known, are given a winter visitant status in this list.